

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has addressed every ground for rejection in the Office Action dated June 22, 2005 and believes the application is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, Claims 1, 16, 17 and 21 have been amended to clarify that the second portion is attached to the first portion. Applicant has also amended Claims 1, 13, 16, 19, 21 and 23 to clarify that the grains cross one another to provide resistance to tearing in multiple directions and are not aligned in the same direction. Claim 12 has been amended to be consistent with Claim 1's clamshell package. Claim 13 also has been amended to state that at least one of the cavities extends outward from the first portion. It is respectfully noted that the Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action that the claims in their present form are allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are traversed and should be withdrawn.

Claims 17 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lauterbach Jr. U.S. Patent No. 3,402,873. Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Lauterbach Jr. in view of Stoker Jr., U.S. Patent No. 3,695,417. While Applicant believes that these claims are patentable over the prior art of record, in order to allow the remaining pending claims to proceed to issuance, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 17 through 20, without waiver of any of its rights to claim such subject matter.

Should the Examiner discover that there are remaining issues that could be resolved by an

interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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